

VON ECKHARDT ABSOLUTELY DENIES DISCLOSURES

Declares He Never Sent Any Communication Through Swedish Charge to Berlin.

DID NOT URGE HIM FOR HONOR

In Statement at Mexico City, German Minister Asserts That Whole Accusation Is American Intrigue to Cast Discredit on Representatives.

(By Associated Press.) MEXICO CITY, September 14.—Heinrich von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico, to-night made a statement denying everything in connection with the disclosures from Washington that he had been employing a former Swedish charge d'affaires to convey information to the Berlin Foreign Office.

Von Eckhardt declared that he had never sent any communication through Folke Cronholm, and that he never wrote any communication recommending Cronholm for a decoration for his services.

Von Eckhardt further declares that he did not know Cronholm personally, only having met him at diplomatic receptions or through the offices of the consuls of ambassadors, or some such formal means. Von Eckhardt makes a formal denial of everything in connection with the Washington disclosures, and in reply to an assertion that Washington had full proof of his complicity, declared that this was merely an American intrigue for the purpose of casting discredit on the representatives of Germany.

WASHINGTON SURPRISED AT SWEEPING DENIAL

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, September 15.—German Minister von Eckhardt's denial that he used the Swedish charge d'affaires in Mexico City for transmitting messages to Germany, or that he had written a letter recommending an award for these services aroused no anxiety at the State Department, where officials, although surprised at a sweeping denial, consider that their investigation determined the authenticity of the disclosures, and that Von Eckhardt's letter speaks for itself.

FINALLY PERMITTED IN GERMAN PRESS

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, September 15.—The three cablegrams sent to Count Luxburg, German minister to Argentina, to the German Foreign Office through the Swedish legation, have finally been permitted to be published in the German press.

The Koelnische Zeitung says that it is easy to understand that the publication of these dispatches in Argentina has made an unpleasant impression, and that President Wilson has so far probably been successful with his maneuver, but adds that they can only be rightly judged if it is not forgotten that they were secret messages in code, and if the figure dispatches of entente diplomacy could be read, still more drastic expressions would be encountered. Regarding the phrase about sinking steamships without leaving a trace, the paper lamely argues that the expression does not mean sinking a ship with all hands, but so sinking her that military mishaps might be avoided, as, for example, concealing the fact from other ships that she was sunk by a submarine and not by a mine.

"It is self-evident," says the Koelnische Zeitung, "that the German government cannot be held responsible for the opinions of any one of its ministers. If, on the other hand, the entente press attempts, on the strength of the contents of these dispatches, to accuse German politics of duplicity, or the German navy of atrocities, such conclusions must impress the unbiased mind as willful exaggeration. We are also convinced that the Argentine government will not participate, and we are equally convinced that the advice of Count Luxburg and his unconventional characterization of the ministers in the country to which he was accredited will meet with the decided disapproval of our government."

"In our opinion, however, this disapproval must not merely express itself in words. We demand, under all circumstances, that the minister who forwards such dispatches be recalled as quickly as possible. We should not put the Argentine government before such an alternative, but should ourselves undertake his recall. Aside from the international aspect of this incident, there is no occasion to revive memories of our numerous diplomatic heroes in the course of this war by perpetrating this episode much longer to engage public opinion. Count Luxburg should be permitted to disappear without leaving any trace behind."

LABOR GIVING CONCERN TO THE SHIPPING BOARD

Threatened Walk-Out at San Francisco and Seattle and New York Delayed Work.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, September 15.—The labor situation in shipbuilding plants is giving the Shipping Board serious concern. A threatened walk-out of iron trade workers at San Francisco and strikes at Seattle and New York present the most serious difficulties the board is facing at the moment. Representatives of both employers and employees are here from Seattle, and a New York delegation came today to take up the situation in New York repair yards.

With the assistance of the wage-adjustment board, the Shipping Board is trying to work out a wage scale by zone which it hopes will be adopted by builders and their workers everywhere. The system is patterned after the navy scale.

The Seattle workers are demanding a 33 per cent wage increase. If this were granted and served as a basis for increases elsewhere, there would be added to the cost of the government's shipbuilding program more than \$200,000,000.

San Francisco shipyard workers have been asked to postpone any action until the Shipping Board has had an opportunity to take up their case.

Favors Examining Registered Men

Crowder Thinks Immediate Physical Test Would Relieve Minds of Unrest.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, September 15.—If a large part of the governors of the States approve a suggestion made at the provost-marshal's office an immediate examination of the 7,000,000 men registered for military service, and not yet called for duty, will be begun. The suggestion was made with a view to satisfying the great number of young men as to what they may expect.

Telegrams asking opinions as to advisability of such action were sent to all States, and it is expected that replies will be received early next week. To secure the 687,000 men already called for service it was found necessary to examine approximately 5,000,000.

Under the plan considered candidates would know whether they are to be selected and could make plans accordingly.

WOULD MAKE DRAFT MORE TRULY SELECTIVE

BOSTON, September 15.—Provost-Marshal-General Crowder asked Governor McCall in a telegram to-day for his opinion as to the advisability of subjecting every man registered under the selective draft act to immediate physical examination, in order that there might be no delay in certifying men for service when the times comes for another call to the colors. The provost-marshal general said the 7,000,000 men who have not been called for examination are naturally in a state of unrest, and, as a result, find employment difficult, and often hesitate to enter upon any enterprise that requires continued attention.

If the whole list is examined, General Crowder said, it may be possible to arrange an order of liability in accordance with the degree of availability, and thus make the draft more truly selective. The question of the adoption of the plan will be decided in a few days, he said.

CITY CAN AID IN REPAIR OF PETERSBURG TURNPIKE

Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson So Advises Administrative Board.

All apprehension as to the right of the city of Richmond to improve ten miles of the Petersburg Turnpike, commencing at the corporate limits, in cooperation with a movement started by Richmond business men to place the roadway in the best possible condition immediately in order to facilitate travel between this city and Camp Lee, was removed yesterday by Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson. He said the statute allowed the city to contribute funds towards the "building or improvement of permanent public roads," for a distance of forty miles.

City Engineer Bolling had reported to the Administrative Board under whose direction the improvement of the road will be carried out, that the necessary repairs can be made to the turnpike for \$10,000. There is some doubt, however, that the ten-mile stretch so repaired for the sum will last through the bad weather of the winter months, and his report has been forwarded to the Council by the board.

The letter of Assistant City Attorney Anderson was forwarded to the Administrative Board yesterday, and will probably be included in the correspondence transmitted to the Council. It is expected that the resolution appropriating the \$10,000 will be concurred in by the Common Council at its next meeting, and the funds made available at once for the repairs.

OFFICERS POCKETED LIQUOR

Norfolk Policemen Charged With Appropriating Intoxicants Seized in Raid on Tug.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., September 15.—The details of one of the most sensational scandals that has occurred in Norfolk for several years were given in a hearing before the Board of Control yesterday, when Patrolmen A. J. Sterling, G. C. B. Craft and J. R. Anderson came up on a charge of failing to deliver to the police station certain liquor secured as evidence in a raid on the tug Carolina on the night of September 1.

The evidence developed that a handbag containing six or eight half pints of whisky was taken from the patrol wagon by Patrolman Sterling while the wagon was en route to the Second Precinct Police station; and that Patrolman J. R. Anderson afterwards got three bottles of it.

One of the most surprising developments of the hearing was the statement by Patrolman Sterling that the liquor was removed from the patrol wagon on the agreement of the three officers, and Patrolman Caffee, who was in the wagon and had participated in the raid. This Caffee denied, giving the lie to Sterling. Patrolman Anderson confessed to receiving three pints of the liquor.

SUNK OUTSIDE BARRED ZONE

This Is Reason German Papers Give for Granting Compensation for Steamer Toro.

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, September 15.—An inspired article in the German press says the sole ground for granting compensation for the Argentine steamer Toro is that she was sunk outside the barred zone.

The Argentine steamer Toro was torpedoed off Gibraltar on June 25 last. The Argentine government on July 5 demanded an indemnity from Germany. On August 23 Germany made her promise to Argentina to observe international law toward Argentine shipping and pledged herself to pay an indemnity for the loss of the Toro.

Wanted in Goodland.

E. L. Blankenbaker, twenty-two years old, a dentist, of Goodland county, and M. O. Jones, of the same county, were arrested yesterday by Traffic Policeman Holt on a warrant charging them with violating the speed laws of Goodland County. They gave bail for their appearance and were released pending the arrival of officers from their home county.

DR. NELSON APPOINTED RECRUITING OFFICER

Opens Headquarters for Medical College Unit at Sixth and Grace Streets.

OUT-OF-TOWN MEN ARE CALLED

Work of Mustering In Will Probably Be Completed This Week—High Standard Is Set for Enlisted Personnel.

During the past few days base hospital headquarters in Richmond have put the proverbial bee-hive out of the running.

Confirmation of the appointment of Major J. Garnett Nelson as recruiting officer was received late Thursday night, and on the next morning the actual work of mustering in began. Hurry-up calls to a portion of the Richmond contingent in the unit brought prompt and unanimous response. Simultaneously notice was sent by mail and telegraph to out of town members, indicating that upon which they are to report here for the necessary formalities. These dates extend through the coming week. Probably by September 22 the work will be complete.

Offices for Major Nelson have been established in connection with those of the acting adjutant at Sixth and Grace Streets. With a staff of assistants the recruiting officer immediately took up his duties and in two days nearly fifty men have been duly enlisted. Others will appear at the rate of about twenty per day until the list is exhausted.

HIGH STANDARD SET FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL

The enlisted personnel will consist of 153 men, and in this group must be included representatives of many trades and professions, so that the unit as a whole will be a many-angled affair, able within itself to meet every conceivable situation without aid from the exterior. The nurses and doctors will attend to the medical side. When it comes to the ordinary affairs of life, however, the enlisted men will furnish the motive power. Cooks, barbers, bakers, plumbers, carpenters, cobblers and others in the trades will have to be provided. Stenographers, electricians, skilled mechanics, engineers, expert chauffeurs, telegraph and telephone operators may be needed at any minute, and must consequently be included in the list. Finally, numerous ward attendants or orderlies will be required for duty among the sick and wounded.

In the McGuire unit a high standard has been deliberately set for the enlisted personnel. The men have all been carefully picked and none have been admitted without credentials and personal qualifications meeting certain requirements arbitrarily erected by the base hospital authorities. The position of orderly or ward attendant, for instance, has been established on a level which makes assignment to the post in the nature of a recognition of ability. Skill and intelligence mean much in hospital work. A large majority of the orderlies already chosen are college men and all of them can be relied upon for discrimination, judgment and action in situations within the scope of ordinary hospital orderly. This is very unusual at the battlefield, where an inrush of wounded may have the entire medical staff overwhelmed, and, for the time being, unable to give its attention to minor ward problems.

DIGNITY OF SERVICE IN HOSPITAL EMPHASIZED

The same conception of the dignity and importance of service has been injected into the entire scheme of organization of the enlisted personnel. Whatever a man's duty ultimately becomes—whether to operate a typewriter in the adjutant's office, or set up an electric apparatus, or peel potatoes in the kitchen, or scrub floors, or what not—it is regarded as his contribution to the accomplishment of a great aim, and the man is proud of it. It is of no particular significance that the man peeling potatoes to-day may yesterday and to-morrow in civil life be practicing at the bar; it is not inconceivable that both the potatoes and the bar may prove to be the same.

All are enlisted with the rank and pay of private in the army. Later on a few non-commissioned officers will be appointed from among the number, but the vast majority will remain privates. A refreshing amount of patriotism has appeared in the group. There is particularly true of many who are beyond draft age or who are far down on the liability lists, and who have no other incentive to go than a desire to respond to the need of the hour.

About 125 men were on the roll when Major Nelson began work, and applications from many others have come in. These men had all been previously had been examined, enlisted and formally accepted. They were immediately at hand for the formality of mustering in and it is with this list that Major Nelson is now busy. Numerous others have been made in each case, and by handling them in squads it will be possible to complete the list this week. About half the men are residents of Richmond. The remainder came from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York and Washington, D. C.

For the remaining twenty-eight places there are now more than a sufficient number of applicants. For the present, enrollment has been suspended and the vacancies will not be filled for some little time yet. Applications may still be filed with Dr. Geisinger, however, and from them will subsequently be chosen those who are to complete the quota. Those who eventually fail to get in for no other reason than exhaustion of vacancies may be organized into a reserve force for use in the event that the hospital, as now appears likely, is subsequently expanded to a thousand-bed capacity. This matter is now the subject of correspondence with authorities in Washington.

STEADY PROGRESS IN ALL OTHER BRANCHES

In the matter of speed of organization and character of enlisted personnel the McGuire unit has made a record. High officials in Washington and elsewhere apparently appreciate this fact, as well as the thoroughness which has marked all other branches of the base hospital organization. The tone of official communication to Richmond is uncommonly cordial. Furthermore, it has happened twice within the past week that highly desirable men, one of them

of great prominence, have applied in Washington at headquarters for assignment to base hospital work. In both instances these men have been advised to become attached to the Richmond unit—a rather unusual and flattering attention.

Among the nurses, Miss Ruth Robertson is busily at work, and the staff will be complete very shortly. A reserve list will also be established in this branch.

The purchase of equipment will begin this week. The local Red Cross chapter has made a substantial addition to its contribution of \$40,000, and the base hospital is now so solidly supported financially that its equipment can be made equal to that of any similar organization in the United States.

Reports are coming in from (lims) time from members of the medical staff who have been ordered off for special training. All are thoroughly pleased with their experiences and are getting a great deal of information that will subsequently be of great value to the hospital. Eventually every member of the staff will have some assignment of this sort.

MOVES HEADQUARTERS

TO GRACE HOSPITAL For the few remaining days that may elapse before entering Camp Lee as a United States Army unit, Ambulance Company, No. 46, will have headquarters at the Grace Hospital, 401 West Grace Street, and Lieutenant C. H. Lewis will be on duty daily to attend to the recruiting and drafting work made during this time to recruit the company up to full strength of 119 men. At present only eighty-three have responded to the call, and been accepted. Unless the remaining thirty-six men are enlisted by the draft, they will be taken from the draft to complete the quota. It is definite that this will be the last Sunday before encampment, and hasty decision by those interested is imperative.

LEAR CASE CONTINUED

Police Making Further Investigation of Alleged Theft of Typewriters.

On the belief of the police that B. E. Lear, twenty-nine years old, 10 Orleans Street, is guilty of thefts of typewriters, the police are making a further investigation. On the morning of September 14, a typewriter was stolen from the office of A. C. Williams, in the Travelers' building, and another from the office of the Richmond Automobile Club, at Eighth and Grace Streets, and sold them for \$3 and \$5, respectively.

James C. Smith "bought" one of the typewriters from Lear, it was said. The Smith firm recognized the machine was worth more money and paid the price asked, under instructions of Detective Sergeant Bailey, acting head of the detective bureau, in order to trap the seller. Sergeant Wiltshire said the buyers of both machines made the deal in order to aid the police.

Post-Office Puts Out New Envelope.

Of interest to business men is the announcement that the Post-Office Department has designed a new envelope, known as the "Windowed Envelope," to be sold in lots of 500 or more. While this kind of envelope is not new, it has one feature that adds value to it, and that is that it is stamped and thus does away with the necessity of having to place a stamp on each envelope.

Charged With Theft of Motor Truck.

E. W. Burroughs, twenty-six years old, a sailor, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Wally and Smith on a charge of stealing a Gramm-Bernstein motor truck, license No. 150072, valued at \$1,830, the property of the Richmond Finance and Guaranty Company.

Bullet Crashes Through Car.

Miss Eva Howie, 217 South Harrison Street, told the police that a bullet barely escaped her body as it crashed through a Main Street car while the car was passing Nineteenth and Main Streets yesterday at noon. The police were investigating the report last night with the intention of arresting the shooter.

YOUR SICK CHILD IS CONSTIPATED! LOOK AT TONGUE

Hurry, Mother! Remove poisons from little stomach, liver, bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if cross, bilious or feverish.



No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given. If your little one is out of sorts, half-sleeping, fretting, eating and acting badly—look mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that the little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently move out of the little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

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FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF AUTO ACCIDENT

Policeman Settles Finds Liquor in Car

Technicalities and fine points in law threaten to play a prominent part in fixing the blame for the automobile crash that caused the death of two women at Grove Avenue and Lombardy Street last Tuesday afternoon. The preliminary hearings of J. P. Schmitz and J. T. Regensburg, drivers of the cars concerned in the tragedy, were postponed yesterday in Justice Crutchfield's court to September 25, in order to give the police time to complete their investigations of the accident that caused the death of Mrs. Emma L. Gooden and her daughter, Mrs. T. Knight Bowles, of 6 North Sycamore Street.

All rumors about intoxicating liquors being found in one or both cars were apparently set at rest yesterday by the statement of Policeman Settles, of the Second District, that he found a drinking glass in the automobile in which Regensburg was driving the women and that a little investigation disclosed a bottle of ginger ale in the car, and a bottle of liquor on the running-board thereof.

The liquor was taken to the Second District Police Station, and is held for exhibition whenever it is desired. The police are not called upon to testify in Justice Crutchfield's court. Settles was not called upon to testify in the coroner's inquest, when the blame for the accident was put on Schmitz. The fact that Regensburg had the right of way under the city ordinances is said to have played a big part in the coroner's report. Both Regensburg and Schmitz are charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Both defendants have retained counsel. Attorney T. Gray Haddon appearing for Schmitz, and Attorney Kirk Matthews and L. M. Nelson for Regensburg. Regensburg, said to be a friend of the Gooden family of long standing, and whose home is in Barhamville, Va., appeared in court yesterday. Schmitz, who also is a bond, did not appear at the hearing yesterday, being represented by counsel.

Chief of Police Werner said, following the continuance of the case in court, that he had assigned Detective Sergeant Wily to further investigation in the premises, and that everything vital to the fullest investigation would be done by the Police Department between now and the preliminary trials of Regensburg and Schmitz late this month.

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Deer Head Sifted Peas, per dozen... \$1.90
Libby's Hawaiian Slice Pine-apples, per dozen... \$1.85
Royal Club Fancy Peas, per dozen... \$1.75
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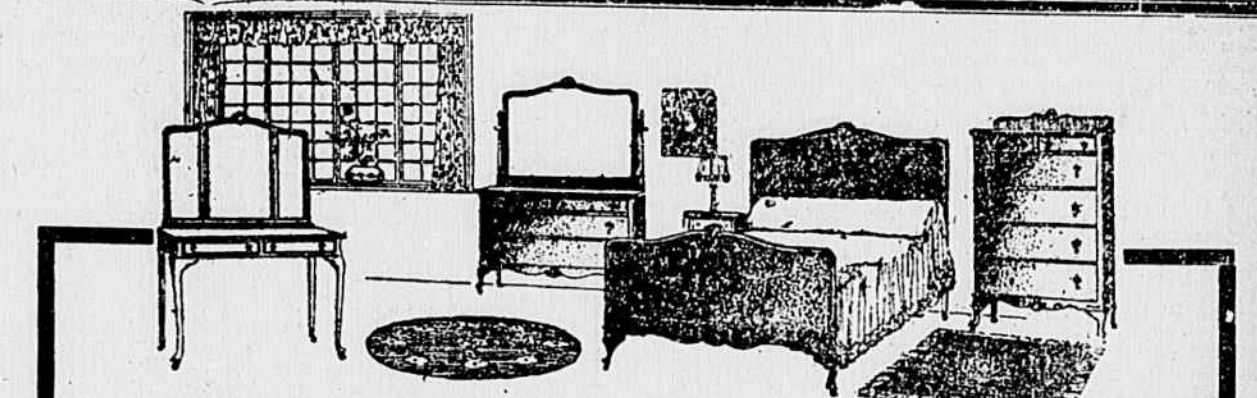
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